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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004 (hereinafter "Office Action"). In this Office Action, claims 1-38 were pending. Claims 1- 33, 35, and 36 were rejected. Claims 34, 37 and 38 have been allowed. Claims 1-33, 35, and 36 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments and remarks to follow.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and replacement pages are attached at the end of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

With respect to the above captioned Application No., it is requested that the former Attorney Docket No. of 51040.P024 be replaced with the current Attorney Docket No. of 112693-142602.